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**Purpose of COVID-19 Member Briefings:**

Provide members with up-to-date information and resources for testing, vaccines and any emerging COVID-19 response needs.

**Member Briefings will take place:**

One monthly briefing in May 2021
Will be hosted on an as needed basis for June 2021 on.
"The senseless murder of George Floyd exposed how far we still need to go in our long and painful reckoning with racism, but today justice was served."

From the National Association of Community Health Centers on 4.20.21

Today, we reflect on the origins of CHCs and its deep roots in the Civil Rights Movement. We know there is more work to do. We will never reach our goals of full physical, mental, and emotional health until we actually address social injustice and racism in our communities at every level.

Read National Association of Community Health Centers' statement on the verdict in the trial of #DerekChauvinTrial for the murder of #GeorgeFloyd: https://bit.ly/3ngq5LH
All Peer Group Spring Plenary: Improving Health Equity with a Racial Justice Framework
April 28th 11:30am-2:30pm

Featuring Dr. Juan Jaime de Zengotita, the Medical Director at Southern Jamaica Plain Health Center and a Brigham and Women’s Hospital Harvard Medical School Instructor.

Southern Jamaica Plain Health Center is a leader in racial justice work through their commitment to addressing the root causes of disadvantages for people of color by hosting trainings on racial justice frameworks and health promotion work centered on racial healing and reconciliation for youth.

Register Here: https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwsduCrqz0jEtKCAWLrWmuK-97AROqngHDd
Warm Up Question

How are you planning on spending your federal ARPA funding?

Respond by unmuting yourself or typing into the Zoom chat
The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in more detail -

- Provides one-time funding (H8F) for a 2-year period of performance to support:
  - to prevent, mitigate, and respond to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and,
  - to enhance health care services and infrastructure.

$6.1 B of $7.6B to Health Center Program award recipients

- Each H8F award was calculated using the following formula:
  - Base value of $500,000 plus,
  - $125 per patient reported in the 2019 Uniform Data System (UDS), plus
  - $250 per uninsured patient reported in the 2019 UDS

- Oregon health centers (30 total) received over $84M in awards, ranging from $670K to $10.9M
Capital Funding Opportunity Coming

Per Jim Macrae of BPHC on Thursday 4/15:
• There will soon be a funding announcement for capitol development of projects over $500,000.00

NACHC - Finance Office Hours for Health Centers:
Maximizing American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funding to Sustain Operations
FOH Session 1: Strategies to Deploy ARP Funds
Friday, April 23 |2:00 PM – 3:00 PM ET!
Access the webinar the day of or add it to your calendar!
Discussions and Information about Funding

Thinking of Opening Your Own Pharmacy? Factors for CHCs to Consider

Thursday 4/22, 2:00 – 3:00 PM Eastern

CHCs that are considering using ARPA funds to open their own (aka in-house) pharmacy can join this webinar, which will feature several CHC/pharmacy experts, will address the various factors that CHCs should consider when making this decision;

• https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2393556871?pwd=MStxNit2a0JSdU0wTHA4YnlYUlhiQT09

Webinar on Applying for FCC COVID Telehealth Funding

NOTE NEW TIME: Friday 4/23, 1:00 PM ET*

The 7-day window to apply for FCC COVID Telehealth funding will run Thursday, April 29 through Thursday, May 6. Join to review the program and application strategies:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2393556871?pwd=MStxNit2a0JSdU0wTHA4YnlYUlhiQT09
Healthcare for the Homeless hosted a funding discussion on Monday 4/19/21.

Polling results and funding ideas and discussions.
American Rescue Plan Act: Funds for Health Centers

Other eligible activities (bolded items = activities most directly related to community partnerships):

- **Maintaining and increasing capacity**: personnel, immunization (other than C19), facilitating access, broadband, telehealth, training and education, develop and deploy digital tools, cybersecurity, equipment and supplies, electronic health record, recuperative care, behavioral health, community partnerships

- **Recovery and stabilization**: pent-up demand, patient registries, virtual care, care transitions and coordination, outreach, facilitating access, population health and social determinants, patient engagement, workforce well-being, training, continuity of care, strategic planning

- **Infrastructure, minor alteration/renovation (A/R), mobile units and vehicles**: general physical infrastructure improvements, facilitating access, virtual care access, team-based care, physical distancing, HVAC, mobile unit, vehicles. (Note: Up to $500,000 may be used for minor A/R projects, with no single A/R project totaling $500,000 or more in federal and nonfederal funds.)

More information from HRSA about eligible activities
How do we want to envision strategic structural changes?

- Intersection of health and housing
- Respite or recuperative care - consider expanding a safe place for our sick homeless patients.
- How do we leave in a stronger place for homeless than when we started this Pandemic? What investments can we make in strategic structural improvements?
What some health care for the homeless providers want to spending funding on

**American Rescue Plan Act:**
Funds for Health Centers - Initial Feedback from the Field

- Updating space in light of COVID-19
- Telehealth
- Start-up funds for medical respite care program
- Construction – repairs, renovations to clinic
- Repairs and renovations to housing units for patients
- Wellness/mindfulness clinic
- LGBTQ clinic or programs
- Anti-racist activities
- Services in housing programs
- Mobile Health Units
- Develop/strengthen community partnerships
- Shelter health
- Mobile dental units
- Developing CAB
- Hiring temp staff for C19 testing, vaccinations, etc.
- EMR
- Hiring consultants
- Strategic planning
- Dental services
Programs and community partnership expansions to consider

- Medical Legal Partnerships
- Food Pharmacy – medically tailored for Diabetics or other chronic conditions – working with farmers markets, extension centers.
- Mobile food markets
- Produce to corner stores
- Community gardens
Telehealth and community partnerships

• Kiosks for homeless access.
• Partnerships in communities to offer access to telehealth?
• Access for the justice involved population. In or just released/re-entering.

Be able to look back and say, “We have made a difference and we have moved the needle”
ARPA discussions and comments continued

Where can OPCA help you to invest in a collective impact?

- Staff training – DEI and more
- CHW programs and CHW training/certification
- In house Pharmacy – Webinar being hosted tomorrow Thursday 4/22, 2:00 – 3:00 PM Eastern.

What areas of Strategic Investment & Development could OPCA provide a collective response to?
How to Create Space for Joy in Work Amid Crisis and Change

Why It Matters
"Health system leaders don’t create joy; we create the space where joy can exist by cultivating workplaces where people can connect with their meaning and purpose."

- Redefine joy
- Rightsize the work
- Plan for times of change
- Engage your Chief Financial Officer

http://www.ihi.org/communities/blogs/how-to-create-space-for-joy-in-work-amid-crisis-and-change?fbclid=IwAR2SEotZ9wBV42XHNynTLKqezQFlp_oOc3hYRjV1z56rot2-3Ph2-XJGfno
COVID-19 Data
COVID Data: Quick Glance
Survey week of April 9, 2021

- This week FQHC’s reported an 11% positivity rate
- Top challenges in deploying the COVID vaccine:
  1. Staffing to administer the vaccine
  2. Vaccine Supply
  3. Vaccine Confidence
- Number of vaccine events:
  » 1 mobile van event
  » 16 pop-up clinics
  » 18 mobile van + pop-up events
• January – March saw a steady decline of positive COVID tests
  » The high in January could be due to holiday travel
• We’re seeing an increase in positive tests, despite vaccine rollout
COVID-19 Vaccine Doses

Immunization at FQHCs

Measure Names:
- Number of Patients Initiated Immunization Series
- Number of Patients Completed Immunization Series

Date of HRSA Survey:
- Jan 10, 21
- Jan 24, 21
- Feb 7, 21
- Feb 21, 21
- Mar 7, 21
- Mar 21, 21
- Apr 4, 21

Number of Patients:
- 0K
- 2K
- 4K
- 6K
- 8K
- 10K
- 12K
- 14K
Total number of patients who have initiated COVID immunization: 46,398

Total number of patients who have completed COVID immunization: 25,473
COVID-19 Vaccine Updates
News

COVID-19 vaccine is now available to all Oregonians 16 and up, as of April 19, 2021.

J&J pause talking points:
- https://publichealthcollaborative.org/faq/

HRSA Today with Macrae Updates from 4/15/21
Vaccine for 16 & 17 year olds

Frequently asked questions about the COVID-19 vaccine for 16- and 17-year-olds
(Updated 04-09-2021)

https://www.orpca.org/files/OHA_FAQ_16_17_year_olds.pdf
COVID-19 Vaccines Administered to Date by Health Centers: Race/Ethnicity Known

Of doses provided through the Health Center COVID-19 Vaccine Program, a total of 1,063,374 COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered by participating health centers to date.
Health Center COVID-19 Vaccine Program

To date, health centers have ordered **3,653,830 doses** for **1,815 sites**.

Source: HRSA
HRSA Federal Equity Allocations
Phase 3 Now Invited to Participate!

HRSA Resources:
Vaccine Program Quick Reference Guide – March 25th

VPoP Fact Sheet - April 2nd
https://www.orpca.org/files/VPoP_Fact_Sheet_04.02.21.pdf

Wednesday night new ordering deadline for HRSA! Monday for the OHA!
If a health center does **not** wish to participate in the Health Center COVID-19 Vaccine Program

Please let HRSA know if you would like to opt-out.

To opt-out, the health center should submit a ticket via [Health Center Program Support](#) indicating they are not interested in participating and would like to opt-out of the Health Center COVID-19 Vaccine Program.

If possible, it is helpful if the health center provides a brief justification (1-2 sentences) for opting out of the program. While this is not required, it will help HRSA to track any reoccurring barriers or trends happening across the nation.
If a health center would like to participate but has not received their invitation, please ask them to:

First, check their email spam or junk folders for the message. It was sent from donotreply@hrsa.gov with a subject line of: Welcome to the Health Center COVID-19 Vaccine Program Online Community.

Second, if after checking their spam and junk folders they still cannot locate their invitation, please ask the health center to reach out to Health Center Program Support to indicate they have not received their invitation but would like to participate in the program. Health Center Program Support will assist the health center to access the Vaccine Program Community so the health center can complete their Readiness Assessment (both parts) and Conditions of Participation ASAP.
HRSA Weekly Vaccine Survey Changes

Removing these questions:

- Question 5: Does your health center currently have walk-up/drive-up COVID-19 testing sites?
- Question 10: What percentage of health center staff members were unable to work due to COVID-19 (e.g., due to site/service closure, exposure, family/home obligations, lack of PPE, etc.) in the last week?

Changing one question:

- Question 14
  OLD version: How long will your health center have an adequate supply of PPE (e.g., masks, gloves, gowns, etc.) to serve your patients?

NEW: Does your health center have an adequate supply of PPE (e.g., masks, gloves, gowns, etc.) to serve your patients? [Yes/No (Free text optional)]
HRSA Weekly Vaccine Survey Changes

**Adding** these new questions:

- Does your health center **currently** host mobile/pop-up clinics outside of your health center sites to enhance access to COVID-19 vaccination sites?

  If you reply “Yes” to this question, you will be asked:

  - How many mobile/pop-up vaccination clinics did you host in the last week?

See the current version of the survey. HRSA will update both that page and our Survey User Guide by Friday, April 9.

**Questions?** If you have questions about the Health Center Program and COVID-19, please contact Health Center Program Support online. For non-specific inquiries, select “Coronavirus Inquiries (COVID-19)” as the issue type—the third option on the “Health Center Programs Questions” screen. Then select “COVID-19 General Inquiry”—the third option on the next screen.

You can also call Health Center Program Support at 877-464-4772, option 2, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET, Monday-Friday (except federal holidays).
OPCA Vaccine Workgroup/Calls

OPCA’s Vaccine Workgroup calls will take place once a month in May & June.

OPCA will also continue to:

• Share helpful workflow resources (such as the Weitzman Institute Vaccine ECHO)
• Share any updates or changes from the state or HRSA
• Continue the vaccine workgroup listserv as a place to ask questions and share resources
OHA Transformation Center Vaccine Calls

Virtual learning collaborative: COVID vaccines for clinics

Every other Friday noon-1 p.m., beginning April 16

The OHA Transformation Center, in partnership with the OHA Vaccine Planning Unit, is hosting a learning collaborative for clinics newer to COVID immunizations to learn from subject matter experts and health center peers. We'll cover topics such as operational workflows, allocations, targeting high risk populations, vaccine hesitancy and more. Please join us!

Audience: FQHC staff and clinical staff new to COVID vaccines.

• April 30, noon–1 p.m.: Register here: https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsdOChrj0rGkATt8hHsmVw6-luFuQ8gUA
OHA Transformation Center Vaccine Calls

Topics TBD

- **May 14, noon–1 p.m.:** Register here: [https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItc--vqDkrGzpDq-_4c973_SaLzHqPAmo](https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItc--vqDkrGzpDq-_4c973_SaLzHqPAmo)
- **May 28, noon–1 p.m.:** Register here: [https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItd-Cgrj8iHi7RZZafZOgzbRPrh2na5I](https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItd-Cgrj8iHi7RZZafZOgzbRPrh2na5I)
- **June 11, noon–1 p.m.:** Register here: [https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItfuyoqTMiHZtQrz7mwIbcgzMptTato](https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItfuyoqTMiHZtQrz7mwIbcgzMptTato)
- **June 25, noon–1 p.m.:** Register here: [https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsdO-qrTotHvpP3DNYkyaJY1R9iMPnPnJ3w](https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsdO-qrTotHvpP3DNYkyaJY1R9iMPnPnJ3w)

Questions?

Contact: Bernadette Nativo (Bernadette.Nativo@dhsoha.state.or.us)
Vaccine Hesitancy & Confidence

https://aspe.hhs.gov/pdf-report/vaccine-hesitancy
Vaccine Access

ID and Insurance are not required! But are often asked for.

Resources on OPCA website:
https://www.orpca.org/chc/operations/36-covid-19-resources

Fotonovela and an accompanying outreach guide in Spanish and English developed by Farmworker Justice and the National Center for Farmworker Health and Health Outreach Partners addressing vaccine hesitancy in farmworker communities
https://www.orpca.org/covid-19-chc-services-communications-toolkit
In response to concerns of access barriers some immigrants are facing regarding documentation requests prior to receiving COVID-19 vaccination, and individuals inappropriately being sent bills for COVID-19 vaccine fees, HRSA developed and is today posting two fact sheets to help both patients and providers better understand their rights and responsibilities regarding access to COVID-19 vaccines.

The COVID-19 vaccines are free to all individuals living in the United States and these resources will help to empower patients and educate providers on this fact.

**Patient Fact Sheet**

**Provider Fact Sheet**

Testing
Order more BinaxNow

Contact:
Sarah Andersen, Director of Field Services
Oregon Office of Rural Health
Email: ansarah@ohsu.edu
Phone: 503-444-1570
Where to find the latest COVID-19 information

• OPCA’s Member Update: Sign up at https://action.orpca.org/newsletter_signup/
  » Check your spam or junk folders to ensure you are receiving these

• Visit OPCA’s website for COVID-19 resources: www.orpca.org

• Follow us on Twitter @OregonPCA
  Facebook @OregonPrimaryCareAssociation
  or LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/company/oregon-primary-care-association
Thank You!